

Ho! Is 55:1-7

When I was reading this chapter a while back this first word caught me off guard. I'd never seen it used in the Bible before. I'd seen the word "wee" used before. The word "ah" the word "ah" and even "ha" I got to searching to see if it was used anywhere else in the Bible and it is used several times. (In Zec 2:6 it's used twice "Ho Ha come forth and flee" Must be Santa Claus's life vs) But it is a word used to get people's attention! To cause heads to turn and listen to a message. When I realized this I thought of my spiritual heritage. I thought of the first preachers I can remember Bro Oreal Smith preaching in that small church. Sweat pouring from his face pleading w/ folks to get right with God. I think of old Bro. Pearl Tinker, weeping over lost souls, pleading w/ them to come to Jesus. I think of Ernest Grace who would pound that pulpit Sunday after Sunday thundering out the truth of the gospel. I think of James Langston who would kick a leg up onto the pulpit & w/ all his might would shout over what God had done for all of us in Christ. I think of my former Pastor Bro. Ken and how that forever I'll remember the date April 2 1972 the day of His conversion. It was 8 months before I was ever born but it is a day I'll never forget. I've never heard any of them use the word "Ho!" But they got my attention. So today I'm going to do something that I've never heard done I'm going to use the word "Ho!" to draw your attention to the Salvation that Christ has

I. HO! Look at a Gracious Call VSI-5

A. Isaiah is lifting his voice like a trumpet and proclaiming the good news of the Gospel of God!

This Gracious Call has not changed and should still be shouted

B. Come Panting<sup>vs1a</sup> - These that do not pant that have no thirst have no need for water. But to those who sense the dryness of their soul, there is water to be found! This is the work of the H.S. He draws the weary + Heavy laden to the rest in Christ, the furnished + hungry soul to the <sup>the thirsty to fountain of living</sup> water from

C. Come Pennyless<sup>vs1b</sup> - No money. It seems as though God is calling all that will to a great feast. One might think Prob. too expensive. Isaiah "no money, no problem" It is freely provided to those that respond, the payment already been paid.

This refreshing + nutritious can't be purchased w/ filthy rags of works + self rights <sup>Tid 3:5</sup>

D. Come Perceiving<sup>vs2a</sup> - This gracious call is not a call for folks to come blindly. No but to respond after some perceiving, thought. Why do you spend your life on that which is empty + vain? At the end of the pleasures of sin there is death + judgment of God. Understand there is life at His table. <sup>vs2b</sup> Deut 30:19

E. Come Persuaded<sup>vs3</sup> - that the Lord is good. So many times it is difficult to convince people of this. Why did God let this happen, why does God let that happen? They have yet to see the goodness of Cross and wretchedness of their sin. Come to the Cross and Ps 34:8 | Ps 2:3 say if you are a child of God you.

F. Come into a Promise<sup>vs3</sup> - Isaiah is pleading as if this were a life + death matter + it is! Come and live! This is not just a feast and leave pickadilly, but an eternal covenant a promise of eternal life. These everlasting covenants like to Abraham + David will be bestowed to you. Do I have your atten!



Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Psalms 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

1 Peter 2:3 ...have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son...

Matthew Henry - Christ, as a prophet, testifies the will of God to the world; and to believe is to receive his testimony.

John 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead...

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

II Ho! Look at a Glorious Commander vs 4+5

A. How is this imitation Possible? Who paid the price to make this rich table possible? Most of the commentaries agree that this "him" in vs 4 refers to the messiah, Christ. The promised one of God. Our Glorious <sup>Commander</sup>

B. The Willing Gift - "I have given Him" to me this is where we can see that this is Messiah & not David. David was chosen, Christ was given. The willingly and freely given Gift of God for wicked & sinful man. In 3:16 For God so... Gal 4:4 Oh the great Love of God to give his only Son for sinful flesh!

C. The Witness Given - Christ bore witness to the people of God's salvation. His earthly ministry was a testimony to God's plan for redeeming sinful man. Matt Henry. In 18:37; Re 1:5. Christ bore witness as a leader, his call is to Follow Him, he leads us in paths of righteousness... His commander, <sup>the first fruits of resurrection</sup> captain of our salvation.

D. The Working Gospel - Thru this glorious commander we have a Gospel that works! vs 5 seems to allude to that... calling a nation... and this unfamiliar nation runs to them because of their God & Christ. Day of Pentecost, many gathered in Jerusalem out of every nation under heaven. 3000 that day flocked to this Glorious <sup>Price he paid on cross for their sins</sup> Commander, because the

E. The Wondrous Glory - The word glorified here means to gleam or shine. This commander has caused this responding people to shine forth. Israel was a light to the nations, But they have refused their messiah. The light of God is seen through the Church, the Bride of Christ. <sup>Light of Gospel</sup> Matt 5:14. A number of wondrous, sinful creatures are in the



### III Ho! Look at A Genuine Conversion vs 6-7

A. Isaiah explains that if you are going to respond to the gracious call to a grand feast provided by glorious <sup>some things that must happen</sup> commander there are

B. The Lord is to be found - vs 6 While this great invitation is being given, it is of the utmost importance that you respond. Today, now is the day of salvation. To put it off is to flirt with destruction! One author wrote

Through the conviction of the H.S. and his drawing you are brought to the point of seeking, seek him and he will be found. And when he is found you can be assured that he is merciful, and gracious. He is willing to blot out your sin. Exodus 34:6-7; Ps 130:7; Is 43:25. The Apostle Paul

went about destroying + persecuting church, but he found the Lord merciful and wrote in 1 Tim 1:15-16.. in my own life...

C. The Lost are to forsake - in genuine conversion

not only is the Lord to be found but the Lost must forsake! Isaiah is pleading for those that are w/o God, bankrupt in sin, thirsting and starving to come to the gracious table provided by the Lord. But in order to come to this table one must turn from where they are.

Outward Sin - "His way" Faith w/o works is dead. You can't hold on to sin and to God! You must turn to Christ. Eph 4:22-24

Inward sin - "Thoughts" - Salvation is not outward conformity but inward transformation. God makes us new <sup>creatures</sup> on the inside that manifests on outside. <sup>Not sinless but sinless 2 Cor 10:5</sup> God gives new heart + desire

### IV Closing - Did I get your attention. Ho!

Salvation is graciously available! Old song "I believe I go home and meet w/ the father, the table is spread + waiting for me!" You can't stay where you are must repent!

Seek ye the Lord, because he may be found: call upon him, because he is near. Repent before ye die, for after death there is no conversion of the soul.

Exodus 34:6-7 The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin...

Psalms 130:7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

1 Timothy 1:15-16 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

Ephesians 4:22-24 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;